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RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION

SIR:

In response to the non-final Office Action dated June 26, 2009, Applicants request that the Office Action be reconsidered in view of the amendments and remarks below. Because September 26, 2009 was a Saturday, the filing of this paper on September 28, 2009 is deemed timely.

Amendments to the claims begin on page 2.

Remarks begin on page 3.